

**BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

JOE C. WILLIAMS

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CASE NO.

PC2008-0005

CONSENT ORDER

The matter of Joe C. Williams (Respondent) comes before the State Ethics Commission (Commission) pursuant to an investigation opened by the Commission on January 24, 2008. Respondent waived the preliminary hearing, and now Respondent and the Commission agree to resolve the matter by Consent Order.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Respondent, a Councilman for the City of Pinehurst, failed pay \$600.00 in late fees assessed as a result of his failure to timely file his Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports for the March 31, June 30, September 30, October 25, and December 31, 2005, reporting periods, as well as the June 30, 2006, December 31, 2006, and June 30, 2007, reporting periods. The late fees were assessed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l). Respondent paid the late fees on or about February 22, 2008.

Respondent admits and acknowledges the aforementioned violation of the Ethics in Government Act (Act). Respondent is hereby ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250.00 within 45 days of the date of this Consent Order. The civil penalty must be paid out of Respondent's personal funds and not those of his campaign. In addition, Respondent is further ordered to cease and desist from any and all actions which violate the Act.

Respondent represents that the foregoing findings of fact are true, agrees to the conclusions of law and further agrees to abide by all terms thereof. By signing this Order Respondent waives any right to an appeal pursuant to the procedures outlined in O.C.G.A. § 50-13 *et seq.* Respondent's failure to comply with the terms herein shall constitute a breach of this agreement and thereby authorizes the Commission to seek an enforcement action against the Respondent. The parties agree that all costs and attorney fees incurred by the Commission in such enforcement action shall be assessed against the Respondent pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(14)(C).

The Commission adopts the foregoing statements and conclusions as the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law, and orders the implementation of the terms of this Consent Order.

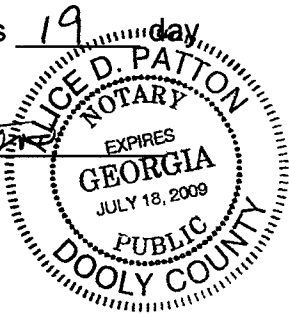
Signatures attested to on this

19 day

of June, 2008.

By:

Alice D. Patton



RESPONDENT

Joe C. Williams
Joe C. Williams

SO ORDERED this 4th day of December, 2008.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By:

William H. Jordan
William H. Jordan
Chairman